



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Ms. Karla Raettig
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RE: Petition of The Citizens for Environmental Justice, Suzie Canales, the Refinery Reform Campaign, and the Environmental Integrity Project Requesting the Administrator to Object to the Issuance of Proposed Title V Operating Permit Number O-01420 for CITGO Refining and Chemical Company - West Plant (RN100238799)

Dear Ms. Raettig:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received your petition, dated February 23, 2006, regarding the Part 70 Operating Permit for the CITGO Refining and Chemical Company, West Plant. We have been notified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that a Title V hearing has been scheduled for this permitting action. The hearing is scheduled as follows:

Date: June 8, 2006
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Holiday Inn Airport, Ferrara Meeting Room
5549 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78408

Under Texas' approved Title V Operating Permit Program at 30 Texas Administrative Code 122.350(b)(3), EPA's 45-day review period will not begin until receipt of comments and the general operating permit with any revisions following the public hearing. Any person may petition the Administrator within 60 days after the expiration of EPA's 45-day review period. Because EPA's review period has not yet begun, EPA deems your petition received on February 23, 2006, to be untimely, pursuant to § 505(b)(2) of the Clean Air Act and 40 Code of Federal Regulations § 70.8(d).

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The EPA appreciates your interest in air quality issues in the State of Texas. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Stephanie Kordzi of the Air Permits Section at (214) 665-7520 or the attorney assigned to this matter, Ms. Victoria Johnson, at (214) 665-7529.

Sincerely yours,



for Carl E. Edlund, P.E.
Director
Multimedia Planning and
Permitting Division

cc: CITGO Refining and Chemicals Company, L.P.
Mr. Glenn Shankle ✓
Ms. Suzie Canales